AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application with the listing of claims as follows:

Listing of Claims

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A processor implemented method comprising:

receiving, via a processor, a user defined selection of a first order destination alternative from an order destination menu, the first order destination alternative representing a first order destination;

populating, via the processor, a list of first order type alternatives consisting of only order type alternatives that are supported by the first order destination;

displaying via the processor on a display screen of a computer a first order type menu ~~listing~~ that includes only the populated list of first order type alternatives consisting of first order type alternatives that ~~represent order types~~ are supported by the first order destination;

receiving via the processor a user defined selection of a second order destination alternative from said order destination menu, the second order destination alternative representing a second order destination;

determining via the processor, based at least in part on the second order destination alternative selected by the user, a list of at least one order type alternative consisting of only order type alternatives that are supported by ~~associated with~~ the second order destination, the at least one order type alternative being different from

the <u>first</u> order type alternatives listed in the first order type menu and displayed as part of a second order type menu <u>that includes only the order type alternatives from the determined list of second order type alternatives that are supported by the second order destination</u>; and

displaying via the processor on said display screen of said computer the second order type menu that is different from the first order type menu and reflecting different order types supported by the second order destination associated with the second order destination alternative;

wherein:

the first order destination and the second order destination are at least one of a securities exchange, a market maker, an ECN, and a trading market place; and

order type alternatives included in both said first and second order type menus include a market order type and a limit order type.

21. (Currently Amended) A processor implemented method comprising:

receiving, via a processor, a user defined selection of a first financial instrument trading symbol from a financial instrument trading symbol menu, the first financial instrument trading symbol representing a first financial instrument;

<u>populating, via the processor, a list of first order destination alternatives consisting of only first order destination alternatives that support trading in the first financial instrument that corresponds to the first financial instrument trading symbol;</u>

displaying via the processor on a display screen of a computer a first order destination menu ~~listing~~ that includes only the populated list of first order destination alternatives consisting of first ~~that correspond to~~ order destination[[s]] alternatives that support trading in the first financial instrument that corresponds to the first financial instrument trading symbol;

receiving via the processor a user defined selection of a second financial instrument trading symbol from said financial instrument trading symbol menu, the second financial instrument trading symbol representing the second financial instrument;

determining via the processor, based at least in part on the second financial instrument trading symbol selected by the user, a list of at least one order destination alternative consisting of only order destination alternatives that are supported by ~~associated with~~ the second financial instrument, the at least one order destination alternative being different from the order destinations listed in the first order destination menu displayed as part of a second order destination menu that includes only the order destination alternatives from the determined list of second order destination alternatives that are supported by the second financial instrument that correspond to the second financial instrument trading symbol; and

displaying via the processor on said display screen of said computer the second order destination menu that is different from the first order destination menu and reflecting different order destinations supported by the second financial instrument associated by the second financial instrument trading symbol;

wherein:

at least one of the order destination alternatives listed by the first order destination menu is different from each order destination alternative listed by the second order destination menu; and

each of the order destinations is selected from at least one of a securities exchange, a market maker, an ECN, and a trading market place.

22. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein:

the first financial instrument trading symbol represents a first common stock; and

the second financial instrument trading symbol represents a second common stock.

23. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein:

the first financial instrument trading symbol represents a common stock; and

the second financial instrument trading symbol represents an option.

24-37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium storing processor-issuable instructions to:

receive, via a processor, a user defined selection of a first order destination alternative from an order destination menu, the first order destination alternative representing a first order destination;

populate, via the processor, a list of first order type alternatives consisting of only order type alternatives that are supported by the first order destination;

display via the processor on a display screen of a computer a first order type menu ~~listing~~ that includes only the populated list of first order type alternatives consisting of first order type alternatives that ~~represent order types~~ are supported by the first order destination;

receive via the processor a user defined selection of a second order destination alternative from said order destination menu, the second order destination alternative representing a second order destination;

determine via the processor, based at least in part on the second order destination alternative selected by the user, a list of at least one order type alternative consisting of only order type alternatives that are supported by ~~associated with~~ the second order destination, the at least one order type alternative being different from the first order type alternatives listed in the first order type menu and displayed as part of a second order type menu that includes only the order type alternatives from the determined list of second order type alternatives that are supported by the second order destination; and

display via the processor on said display screen of said computer the second order type menu being different from the first order type menu and reflecting different order types supported by the second order destination indicated by the second order destination alternative;

wherein:

the first order destination and the second order destination are at least

one of a securities exchange, a market maker, an ECN, and a trading market

place; and

order type alternatives included in both said first and second order type

menus include a market order type and a limit order type.

39. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium storing processor-

issuable instructions to:

receive, via a processor, a user defined selection of a first financial instrument

trading symbol from a financial instrument trading symbol menu, the first financial

instrument trading symbol representing a first financial instrument;

populate, via the processor, a list of first order destination alternatives consisting of

only first order destination alternatives that support trading in the first financial

instrument that corresponds to the first financial instrument trading symbol;

display via the processor on a display screen of a computer a first order

destination menu listing that includes only the populated list of first order destination

alternatives consisting of first that correspond to order destination[[s]] alternatives

that support trading in the first financial instrument that corresponds to the first

financial instrument trading symbol;

receive via the processor a user defined selection of a second financial

instrument trading symbol from said financial instrument trading symbol menu, the

second financial instrument trading symbol representing the second financial

instrument;

determine via the processor, based at least in part on the second financial instrument trading symbol selected by the user, <u>a list of</u> at least one order destination alternative <u>consisting of only order destination alternatives that are supported by</u> ~~associated with~~ the second financial instrument, the at least one order destination alternative being different from the order destinations listed in the first order destination menu displayed as part of a second order destination menu <u>that includes only the order destination alternatives from the determined list of second order destination alternatives that are supported by the second financial instrument that correspond to the second financial instrument trading symbol</u>; and

display on said display screen of said computer the second order destination menu that is different from the first order destination menu and reflecting different order destinations supported by the second financial instrument associated by the second financial instrument trading symbol;

wherein:

at least one of the order destination alternatives listed by the first order destination menu is different from each order destination alternative listed by the second order destination menu; and

each of the order destinations is selected from at least one of a securities exchange, a market maker, an ECN, and a trading market place.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the order destination menu and the first order type menu are adjacent to each other on the display screen.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the order destination menu, the first order type menu and the second order type menu are pull down menus.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising allowing a user to select an action from a set of actions including: (a) enter order; (b) enter ticket; (c) cancel order; (d) update order; and (e) reload order.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising displaying financial instrument trading information related to at least one of the first and second financial trading symbols, the instrument trading information concerning financial instrument trading orders.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the financial instrument trading orders include at least one order to buy or sell a common stock.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the displayed financial instrument trading information includes respective quotations for the first or second financial instrument at a plurality of order destinations.

46. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

receiving, via a processor, at least one order type selection;

determining, based on the at least one order type selection, additional order parameters;

displaying on the display screen the additional order parameters;

receiving at least one order parameter selection from the additional order parameters; and

executing an order based on at least one of the user defined selection of the first order destination alternative, the user defined selection of the second order destination alternative, the at least one order type selection, and the at least one additional order parameter selection.

47. (New) The method of claim 46 wherein the at least one order parameter selection comprises at least one of a side order parameter, a price order parameter, a quantity order parameter, an account order parameter, a time in force oder parameter and a peg value order parameter.

48. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein the at least one order parameter selection comprises the side order parameter, the price order parameter, the quantity order parameter, the account order parameter, the time in force order parameter and the peg value order parameter.

49. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising:

determining that at least one additional order parameter is a required order parameter;

verifying that the required order parameter contains a valid selection; and

executing the order when the required order parameter is verified as containing the valid selection.

50. The method of claim 49, further comprising:

returning an error message when the required order parameter is not verified as containing the valid selection.